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TNA PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Jerry Williams

Our Convention ended for this year but we started full speed for next year's Convention in May, of 2000

We give thanks to all people that helped and we are going to have more help for the next convention. District Governors and Officers are going to assist the local clubs with next years convention. Just a few things to start with, there will be signs out front, people to watch at the doors leading into the convention and tables will be relocated. Advertising will be adjusted to our non-profit association status and all of our clubs will help with the advertising on the flyers.

Ed Hipps, a dealer from Dallas, volunteered to make a sign for the front area of the convention hall.

The count of people attending the convention is as follows: Friday - 350, Saturday - 600, and Sunday - 300.

I spoke with numerous people about upgrading the convention and received some excellent ideas.

Gary Hill, our Convention Coordinator, is running full speed with Byron Paris, Convention Bourse Chairman, to make sure everything will run smoothly next year.

We had two excellent speakers for our educational programs. We wish to thank Frank Clark for arranging with these two people to speak to us. Thank you Michael Fulenz and Benny Bohm, you gave us wonderful programs. Frank Clark turned over the Educational Chairman position to Barbara Edwards, District 15 Governor. Barbara will line up the educational programs for next year. We thank Frank for all his service to the TNA in this area. Barbara has informed me that one program for next year is ready to go.

Helen Sneider has volunteered for the Book Auction and Donations Chairperson for next year.

Ralph Ross volunteered to undertake to be the Youth Chairman and Exhibits Chairman.

Mike Grant volunteered to be the Historian for the TNA and to take all official pictures for TNA events.

Gary and Cindy Hill will head up the Coins for A's program for those students that send in their report cards with A's.

Benny Bohm volunteered to take over the TNA Editor's job of the TNA News, one of the most important jobs in our association.

Frank and Karla Galindo are doing an outstanding job with the TNA Medals. This year's medal of Davy Crockett had a mintage of just 100, this will be a scarce medal.

Barbara Lowell, our Secretary, is keeping all of our members current with their dues.

A committee has volunteered to oversee the Texas Commemorative Quarter of 2004, that's not far away. We need feed back from schools, clubs, and TNA members on this subject.

I want to thank all the members that volunteered to help the TNA, this comes from the bottom of my heart and from the TNA.

The next Board Meeting of the TNA will be in Beaumont, September 18, 1999, at the Holiday Inn, 8:00am. This meeting will be in conjunction with the Southwest Coin Show at the same hotel that weekend. More information will be in the next issue of the TNA News.

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Barbara Lowell

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R-6111 - (D-01) Lance L. Ward, Sr. 5525 Susan Lee Ln. Ft. Worth, TX 76180. US Colonials, 18th Century, Tokens. Mike Grant

R-6112 - (D-05) Merle W. Owens, 420 Blue Jay Ct, Bedford, TX 76021. H.S. McGilvray

R-6112 - (D-01) Raymond Soloski, 5613 Diamond Oaks Dr. N., Haltom City, TX 76117. Morgan Silver Dollars. Mike Grant

R-6114 - (D-05) Bill Merryman, 2653 Danberry Lane, Grand Prairie, TX 75052. Franklins. Gary Hill

R-6115 - (UT) H. Robert Campbell, 1123 E. 2100S., Salt Lake City, UT 84106. All about coins. Jeffrey Jon Meyer

R-6116 - (D-15) David E. Scott, Rt 9, Box 1330, Orange, TX 77630. Barbara Edwards

R-6117 - (D-01) Al Garrity, 6133 Wheaton Dr, Ft. Worth, TX 76133. C&A Coins. Gary Hill

R-6118 - (D-14) Antonio Garcia, 8915 McPherson #10, Laredo, TX 78045. Frank Clark

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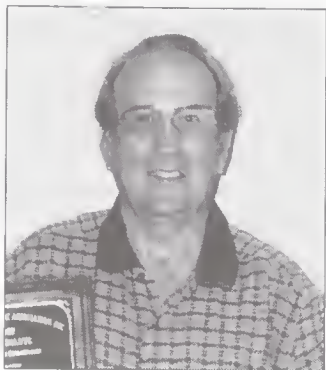
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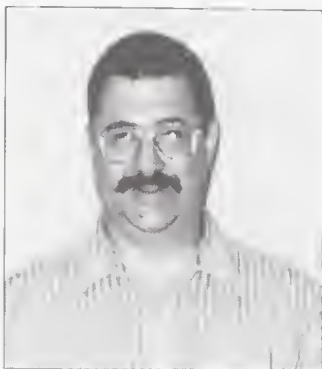
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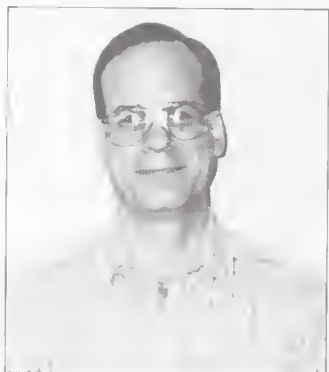
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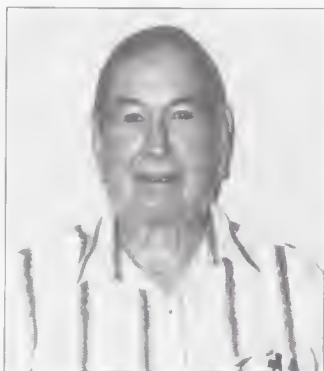
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TREASURE OF XERXES HUGE HOARD OF SILVER BURIED CIRCA 450 BC

And now, as he looked and saw the whole Hellespont covered with the vessels of his fleet and all the shore and every plain about Abydos as full as possible of men, Xerxes congratulated himself upon his good fortune, but after a little while he wept. His uncle Artabamus, who was with him at the time, asked about this strange expression of contradictory feelings. "I was thinking," Xerxes replied, "and it came into my mind how pitifully short human life is."

Herodotus VII, 45-46

This moment in history described by the ancient historian Herodotus was perhaps one of the greatest military undertakings in history given the current technology. The accounts relate that the great Persian king Xerxes amassed an army of 1,700,000 men for his invasion of Greece in 480 BC. An entire city was needed to feed the army just two meals, and an entire river ran dry when they drank. And huge quantities of silver coins were struck to finance the massive military payroll and all the expenses of huge military operations. The Hellespont was the water way at least a mile wide connecting the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea and separating Europe from Asia Minor. In order to move his vast army Xerxes commanded his engineers, mostly Phoenicians and Egyptians, to build a bridge. To do this 674 ships were tied together in a double row and planks were laid over the decks. The planks were covered with brushwood and dirt to create a road. Xerxes invaded Greece and very nearly succeeded in conquering the civilized world.

As the Persians moved through northern Greece they were met at the pass of Thermopylae where the 300 Spartans led by Leonidas fought to the last man, and successfully delayed the Persian advance long enough for the Greek cities to prepare. Although Xerxes captured Athens, the Athenians had fled with their fleet to the nearby island of Salamis where the Persian fleet was defeated by the more experienced Athenian navy. The army of the allied Greek city-states, led by Spartans was able to defeat the Persian army at Plataea in 479 BC and effectively ended Xerxes attempted conquest of Greece.

Xerxes is long dead, and his observations on the brevity of human existence still applies today, even though we average more than twice the usual life span of the ancients. By collecting, studying and handling the coins of the ancients our human experience can be greatly enhanced. In our hands we have relics of great kings who commanded huge armies to conquer kingdoms now vanished. These huge treasures of precious metals that are now unearthed from the paths of these ancient armies are sometimes the only tangible links that we have. Now you can expand your horizons to the Fifth Century BC with a modest contribution to the Jonathan K. Kern Co.



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The Great King is shown holding a spear and a bow on the sigloi attributed to the Asia Minor mint of Sardis, in Lydia and a bow and a dagger on the other type which is possibly all from a different mint further south. Frequently they are countermarked with tiny punches by merchants or bankers, possibly to attest to the quality of the silver. We can sell either type in a nice fine grade for \$37 each, a nice very fine for \$77 each or a nice extremely fine for \$277 each. The raised obverse always grades much less than the incused reverse so a nice fine will usually have an extremely fine reverse.



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CONVENTIONS

TNA will meet in annual convention. Members are entitled to a voice at the conventions. The business sessions are devoted to the procedures necessary to the operation of your state association. Entertainment and time for renewal of friendships is an important part of the conventions.

Education exhibits are a vital adjunct. The opportunity to buy, sell and trade is provided for through bourse activity

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2. Name and address of TNA Representative
3. Mailing address
4. Meeting date, time and place

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TNA BOOK AUCTION

This year's Book Auction at the Convention in Houston brought in \$370.00. This event began on Friday afternoon and ended on Saturday afternoon. It was very well received by both TNA members and the general public. There was some very active bidding in the last 30 minutes. Thanks to all of you who helped with the set-up and watching the items--Norma Mather, Frank and Karla Galindo, Barbara Edwards, Jerry Williams, Jeffrey Meyer, and Lamonte Pitzer.

I cannot begin to mention everyone who donated books and other numismatic literature. I feel I must mention Eleanor Kennady for her generous donation of very fine books in memory of Mac Kennady. Don Bailey gave 2 more Grove books on Mexican Tokens and Medals. Courtney Coffing of Iola, Wisconsin, who is Life Member 25, gave us copies of books he had a part in producing. We still have 3 of these books for next year's auction. Jeffrey Meyer has already donated a book and Pat Curran has promised to bring several. Other promises for books for next year have already come from longtime TNA members Mike Greenspan and Holland Wallace.

Why don't you search your own collection for duplicates and other numismatic literature that you no longer use. If everyone of you out there brought just one book to the Convention in Houston next year, we would have a very large auction. The flip side of this being a money maker for TNA is that the literature can now be enjoyed by someone else.

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SACAGAWEA-THE OBVERSE FOR OUR NEW DOLLAR

BY Herman Jacobs

I was asked to do the program for the South Plains Com Club and this report is a composite of my research from three books in the public library

The Lewis and Clark Exposition originated from an idea by Thomas Jefferson, it was assembled in 1803, the cost was about \$38 000 including subsistence, bounties, clothing, special uniforms, disbursement for horses. There were two captains, 9 Kentucky volunteers, 2 French rivermen, 1 hunter, 14 soldiers, Clark's black servant named York and Capt. Lewis' dog, Seannon, that weighed 140 lbs. He was needed to keep the animals away at night. The group left May 4, 1804.

The mountain Shoshone, Sacagawea's people, lived in teepees, they were safe in the winter. They ate berries and fish and wild game. In the summer the game went down from the mountain so the Indians had to follow or starve. On the plains they were often attacked by other tribes. The warriors were brave but did not have guns, these came from the white man and he had never been to their country in the very early 1800's.

This autumn, the tribe made camp on the bank of a small river. The men left to hunt buffalo, they killed one close to camp and left it for the women and children and old to eat. They ate the buffalo raw, they were so hungry they did not take time to cook. While they were feasting on their meal they were attacked by the Minnetaree or Hidatsas tribe. Sacagawea ran into the stream and hid behind some logs but soon was spotted by a giant one eyed warrior. He grabbed her, she struggled, but was no match for the giant. He took her back to his camp, where she became one of his wives. She learned to make robes from buffalo hides, deer and antelope were made into moccasins, she learned to plant corn and squash.

She lived in this manner for about three years until she was told she had been sold to a French trapper named Toussant Charbonneau. In the winter they lived with the Mandan Indians. Their village was on the Missouri river near where Bismark, North Dakota is located today. A number of white men were staying there. Her husband told her they were explorers, they planned to map the American west in the spring. They would go up the Missouri river, across the Rockies and head for the big water called the Pacific ocean. Charbonneau said he wanted a job with them. They would need someone who knows how to talk to the Indians along the way. Sacs eyes got bright, if they follow this river into the mountains, "If they will go to my home country, oh I would love to go with them". He laughed, "You are a woman about to have a baby, how could you make such a long and dangerous trip". "I will have my baby in the spring, I could take it along with me" she said. "These men do not want a woman and a child on their journey", he stated and turned to go visit the explorers, but soon came back. He was angry, "Come on, the American officers want to see you".

Captain Merriwether Lewis was a slim, dark, serious looking man. Captain William Clark had red hair and twinkling eyes as if he were about to laugh. They asked her if she was a Shoshone Indian, and where her people lived, if they had horses, were any members of her family still alive, and did she remember the Shoshone language. The American Captains looked at each other and Lewis said that they would need horses to carry the supplies over the Rockies when they reached the head of the river. They decided to hire Charbonneau but only if he agreed to take his wife. He was angry because he felt she was more important than he. He told Sacagawea, that they had decided to let her go with them.

Sacagawea's baby was born in February. Charbonneau named him Jean Baptiste, but his mother called him Pomp, which meant The First Born. The soldiers took an interest in Pomp. They came to the earth lodge and would chuck the baby under the chin and laugh. Captain Clark could never pronounce Sacagawea's name so he called her Janey. He brought her a present, a belt of blue beads, she was delighted. They formed a strong friendship.

At last the day came, they went in eight small boats, rowing at times or using sails. Little Pomp was carried on her back or in her lap. When the boats stopped for the night, Sacagawea would walk along the river with a sharp pointed stick looking for food. She came back with her skirt full of wild artichokes and other roots. The men began to accept her.

Another time there was even more reason to be glad she was with them. They found ashes from an Indian fire, the men were worried, but she said it was from friendly Indians because of the moccasin tracks. One day when the wind was strong, the canoe with five people in it overturned, it lay on it's side, and Charbonneau got excited and started yelling, not doing his job. Sacagawea held Pomp in one arm and calmly picked up the books, medicine and supplies floating away, they were able to right the boat and get to shore. When they came to a fork in the river they could not decide which way to go. Sac. told them to find the Great Falls and follow.

They made crude wagons to get their boats around the falls. Wheels were made from tree trunks. They put the boats and supplies on the wagon, then came back for more. It took several weeks but soon they were close to her home country, and Sac. was excited. When the supplies arrived Captain Clark met with Lewis and the chief of the tribe. Sac. was invited to interpret, and with one look she recognized the chief as her brother Camaliwait. He promised them all the horses they would need.

They had a difficult time crossing the Rockies. The air was thin, hard to breath, and the trail was a narrow path. It was September but the snow had already begun in the mountains. They ate any berries and roots Sac. could find. Once a starving wolf came too close, they shot it and cooked and ate it. Finally the trail started downhill, they were over the mountains. Now they had plenty of fish, they cut trees and built boats. They passed village after village, first on the Snake River then on the Columbia. The western Indians never took women with them to fight, so as soon as they saw Sac., they knew it was a friendly visit.

It Was almost winter, they could not re-cross the mountains in time, so they built a fort and called it Fort Clatsop, because the Indians in the area were called the Clatsop. They spent the winter preparing to return. Sac helped make new cloths and moccasins. The men were talking about a beached whale at the Pacific Ocean, and how they needed the blubber for the return. Sac told Charbonneau she wanted to go, he said no, so, she went to Captain Clark. He said anybody who has come this far deserves to go, she got to see the whale and the Pacific Ocean.

I think we should be proud to have this Shoshone Indian girl on the obverse of our new dollar coin. The design chosen was by Glenna Goodacre, she did the sculpture using a Shoshone Indian girl as her model. Glenna lived in Lubbock, Texas before moving to Santa Fe, NM. Without Sacagawea, Lewis and Clark might not have completed their trip.

A Few Words From The Editor

Mike Grant

The convention is now over and everyone had a great time in Houston. I wish to thank the members of the Greater Houston Coin Club, Clements Coin Club, Beaumont Coin Club, Orange Coin Club, Port Arthur Coin Club, Silsbee Coin Club, for helping out at the show.

As this is my last TNA News book I also want to thank everyone for all your help and support in running this editorial desk for the last four years. It has been a lot of fun, and I sure have seen a lot happen in the numismatic world that I would not have really paid attention to as closely as I now do. Benny Bolin will take over as editor with the next issue, and I know he will do a great job. Benny is currently editor of two national periodicals and is a prolific writer for many other magazines and newspapers. You may remember some of his articles in this newsletter over the last four years.

We have a contest for all members of the TNA. The TNA would like to have the members draw a design they would like to see on the new state quarter for the year 2004. We have a committee that will oversee the designs and then submit the design that wins the contest to the state capital to see if it will be the one put on the state quarter. Please send all entries to Jerry Williams at the address on the officers page of this book. The winner will receive a United States Savings Bond!

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Sincerely,
Mike Grant

NEWS ITEMS

The Story of San Antonio Money

by

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SAN ANTONIO'S COIN

This is a history of San Antonio money minted and circulated there when it was a Spanish village, then known as San Fernando de Bexar. It was the capital of Texas, a Province of New Spain. It was also headquarters for the military commander and governor of the Province. The population of the town in 1802 was about 2,500. However, due to military uprisings and revolutions, the figure was reduced to about 1,800 by 1820. During that time many of the families moved out to their haciendas and became self-sufficient.

The 1820 census reported the total of male persons in several occupations at that time. Besides the public servants and the merchants, there were 110 farmers, 108 laborers, 14 shoemakers, 6 blacksmiths, 4 tailors, 4 carpenters, 4 silversmiths, and 2 masons. Most of the residents lived in and around Main Plaza and the Fort (Presidio de Bexar) on Military Plaza. Some goods for the merchants and commissary were hauled in from Saltillo or Monterrey with shipments of money from the mint or treasurer's office for military payrolls and to pay bills for cost of supplies of the government.

Early records show that for many years there had been throughout New Spain a shortage of minor coins due mostly to the failure of the mints to coin more of them, therefore the treasury was unable to supply them in the distribution and shipments with other coins. The situation developed from the larger denominations brought in for military and government payrolls and expenses, which was the principal source of new money for the town. The shipments arrived about twice each month, amounting to between 5 and 15 thousand pesos. When the military man went to buy merchandise or pay his bills, quite often the merchant did not have the exact change and gave him credit or tokens of some kind which other merchants refused to accept. This prevented

the holder from spending his money where he desired, and he was unable to get full value. Some workers' earnings were less than a real a day and purchases for the daily needs of the family were limited. The shortage of coins for change soon spread to the whole community, resulting in hardships to many, including the merchants, who were unable to collect some of their past due bills. Under those conditions, the only solution was to provide more small coins that would be acceptable in local trade. It was partly because of the above conditions that the shortage of small change developed, but in such an undeveloped community the hoarding of good money was a common practice, which aggravated the situation further.

A number of merchants and tradesmen who had come from Europe or other parts of New Spain had plans of carrying on or developing a business in the new land. Because of the increase in civilian population and the competition of their businesses, with resulting lower prices, the prevailing 1/2-silver real bought more than before, consequently the issuance of tokens which the government tried to prevent. There were no credit banks in those days, as we know them, and the only new money placed in circulation was from salaries of the military men plus the amounts disbursed by the paymaster for government supplies. Part of this money was retained by or paid back to the government for debts and taxes. The shipments of money were hauled in at irregular intervals from one of the treasurer's offices located in cities some three hundred miles away, requiring 45 to 60 days to make the round trip.

Because of the shortage of small change, the leaders and officials of the community prevailed upon the governors to permit the coinage of a small copper coin. While it was a "necessity coinage," intended to circulate locally it is correct to say that the coinage was duly authorized by the governors, as will be observed in the translations included here. It is possible that both issues were permitted or were an extension of an order made in 1814 by Viceroy Calleja to permit copper coinage in an attempt to end the circulation of tokens given out by most stores throughout New Spain.

The copies of the translated documents shown here reveal the unique and detailed procedure to qualify for a permit to coin money and to protect the public and the government against fraud during primitive times. They also reveal the record during peacetime by persons with ingenuity and foresight in their attempts to help the economy of the community by the circulation of more money where there were no other means.

The first money coined in Texas was minted in San Antonio in 1817 by Manuel Barrera, a merchant and jeweler located on the south side of Main Plaza. Authorization was given by Lt. Col. Manuel Pardo, then military commander and governor. The only evidence available to us at this time authorizing the Barrera coins is a copy of the decree in the form of a "Notice to the Public" of which a photostatic copy, with the translation, was obtained from the Bexar Archives, Texas History Center, University of Texas. The translation is Notice to the Public.

"Inasmuch as the citizen of this city don Mamiel Barrera has requested (permission) of this government to coin five hundred pesos in jolas carrying on them his name and surname, this government has acceded to this individual's petition to mint the five hundred pesos in jolas with the value of half a real each because of the existing scarcity of change for retail buying and selling. In order that (the jolas) may move and circulate in the commerce of this city and no one may set obstacles in the way of accepting them, the public is notified of it by means of this (instrument) which I sign in San Fernando de Bexar on the 29th day of the month of March of 1817."

No specimen or sketch of the Barrera coin, called "jola", is known to exist. However, it is assumed that it was similar to the one made by de la Garza, its successor, which was also called "jola" and is described in detail later on in this report. Its value of 1/2-real (later equal to 6 1/4 centavos), placed a limit on the issue of the monopoly to de la Garza in 1818.

In May 1817, the viceroy of New Spain, Juan Ruiz Apodaca appointed Antonio Martinez governor and military commander of the Province of Texas, to succeed Lt. Colonel Manuel Prado, who had been in office only a short time. On November 30, 1818, Jose Antonio de la Garza, the postmaster, made application to Governor Martinez for a permit to coin and circulate money in the town. He was awarded the monopoly by decree dated December 6, 1818, after he had complied with the requirements of the governor. Photostatic copies of the application, the governor's decree, the writ of bond, and the public notice, along with copies of the translations, were obtained from the Bexar Archives, and the translations are

APPLICATIONS FOR PERMIT TO COIN MONEY

This shall be the equivalent of the 2nd stamp of the reign of the Senor Don Fernando the 7th, year of 1818

Martinez (Rubric)

The interested (party) paid the royal amount (due) for the stamp in this office of which I am in charge. Bexar, 5th of December of 1818

Luis Gortari (Rubric)

Senor Governor

(I), don Jose Antonio de la Garza, Postmaster of this city, appear before Your Lordship and state that the extreme scarcity of small change which we are experiencing in this land results in notable harm to the public. Inasmuch as I wish to provide for this lack insofar as my means will permit, I have decided to make up to quantity of five hundred pesos of small change in copper coins called jolas which shall circulate only through the town with the value of half a real each. These shall be engraved with the first letters of my name and surname and the year of this date

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San Fernando de Bexar, November thirtieth of one thousand eight hundred and eighteen

Jose Antonio de la Garza

GOVERNOR'S DECREE

Bexar, 30th of November of 1818

The petitioner shall present the bond he offers and the justices shall, in due form, make the corresponding certified copy of it which shall be delivered to this government so that it may be protocolled in the government archive along with this request.

Under this condition, and that of collecting the jolas which, by concession of my predecessor, the citizen don Manuel Barrera was permitted to mint, so that their circulation may cease without causing harm to the above mentioned Barrera, I permit the petitioner don Jose Antonio de la Garza to coin the five hundred pesos he wishes to mint in jolas with the name and surname of the expressed don Jose la Garza.

The Bondsman shall give security, in addition, for the jolas which should appear minted in addition to the five hundred pesos, under which condition, and that of depositing in the Town Hall the die with which the indicated coinage of jolas with the value of half a real, and absolutely no other, has been carried out, shall this permit have value.

Martinez.

WRIT OF BOND

In the city of San Fernando de Bexar, capital of the Province of Texas, on the fifth day of the month of December of the year of one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, before me, don Jose Maria Sambrano, senior ordinary alcalde, who is accompanied by the junior alcalde don Felipe Enrique Neri, Baron de Bastrop, for we act as receptoria with attesting witnesses for lack of a notary public within the boundary of the law, appeared in his own person don Manuel Hurri Castillo, a Merchant in this city, whom we certify we know.

He stated that by means of the present instrument he obligates and constitutes himself as bondman, plain, simple, lay and credible, for the person of don Jose Antonio de la Garza, citizen of this above mentioned city, so that in virtue of it (de la Garza) may be permitted to circulate in this land the sum of five hundred pesos which he has minted in copper coins called jolas with the value of half a real each and the letters of his name and surname and the year of this date engraved upon them.

He guarantees that the said don Jose Antonio de la Garza shall gather them at his own expense when it should be deemed proper to suspend this concession surrendering the value of said jolas in silver coin to whoever should present them when this should occur and to whatever other person (should present them) by reason of departure or transfer to another destination. In like manner, he guarantees that if some other quantity of the jola money should turn up in addition to the above mentioned five hundred pesos, (de la Garza) shall surrender its value in the same manner, and that in order to prevent this fraud he shall surrender the seal or die with which it is engraved so that it may be deposited wherever it may be convenient. He added that for the fulfillment and security of all that has been stated he obligates his person and property both immediate and future, renouncing all of the laws, rights and exemptions which in such a case might favor him. He renounces the laws and jurisdiction of His Majesty's senior justices in this or in whatever other place they may be, so that they may compel, oblige and make him do all that has been stated as if it were a judgment passed, complied with and not appealed. He renounced his own rights and the law SIT CUMBENERIT DE JURISDICTIONE OMNIUM JUDICIUM

This article will be finished in the next issue of the TNA News

The Alamo coin club produced a beautiful medal. It was introduced at the Alamo Coin Show, August 29, 1998. Five hundred were struck, not numbered, in antiqued bronze. This story is mailed with each medal purchased from the club. The medals are \$6.00 each, postpaid.

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HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

On January 10, 1960, forty-seven Texas Numismatists met in Port Lavaca to organize the Texas Numismatic Association. This movement was spearheaded by the Corpus Christi Coin Club after several year's groundwork had been done by Texans. Among those figuring prominently in this movement were Bill and Chris Johns of Houston, Rosenda Barrera and Joe Davis of Corpus.

The first draft of the Constitution and By-Laws as prepared by Lamar Folda was adopted. Joe Davis was named as President, Carlton Brush of Austin as Vice President and Mrs. Augusta Folda as Secretary-Treasurer.

Two organizational meetings were held. One in Austin in Feb., 1960 with the Austin Coin Club as host and the other in San Antonio, March, 1960 as the guests of the San Antonio Coin Club. At this latter meeting the association culminated action to incorporate under the Texas laws. It also became member #36980 of the American Numismatic Association.

The state is divided into nine geographical districts (see map on page 1). A Governor is elected from each district who serves as a member of the Governing Board. Member clubs select a Representative who, with the aid of the Governor, serves as liaison between clubs, district and TNA.

The first convention was held in Fort Worth, Oct., 1960 with the Fort Worth Coin Club as host. The Greater Houston Coin Club hosted the second convention in that city in April, 1961. The third conclave was held in Odessa Oct., 1961 hosted by the Odessa Coin Club assisted by neighboring clubs. April, 1962 convention was held in Temple with the Temple Coin Club and their neighbor clubs as hosts. San Antonio was the site of the fifth convention in March, 1963 with the San Antonio and the Alamo Coin Clubs as co-hosts.

Carlton Brush became Life Member #1 as a reward for his services to the association. He won this reward by having his suggested name for the official publication and his design for an official seal selected by the Governing Board. Mr. Brush also designed the TNA membership cards. Other Life Members are: E. H. Brooks, LM2; Floyd E. Covill, LM3; A. I. Martin, LM4 and Joe B. Davis, LM5. The latter two were awarded Life Memberships by the Governing Board in recognition of their services as TNA Presidents.

The association's official publication is known as the TNA News. It was brought into being and edited by Doris Martin in 1961 and 1962. Mrs. Wally Gilmore is the current Editor.

The association selected as its worthwhile numismatic project the sponsorship of a Youth Program. To further this program, an Essay Contest was conducted in 1962 under the guidance of Mrs. Chris Johns. Winners were: Lester Tofte III, 1st; Linda Johns, 2nd; Billy Johns, 3rd. The Johns established a permanent exhibit award to stimulate interest in displaying at the annual convention. This is known as the BILL AND CHRIS JOHNS SPECIAL JUNIOR EXHIBIT AWARD. It was won in 1963 by Terry O'Sullivan of San Antonio.

The association established a permanent award in memory of the late Lewis Reagan to be known as the TNA LEWIS REAGAN MEMORIAL AWARD. This silver medal to be given to a TNA member who in the opinion of a selection committee has done the most for Texas Numismatics. The first recipient was Doris Martin for her services in editing and mimeographing the TNA News during 1961. The 1963 recipient was Hazel Jenkins for her services as TNA Secretary during 1961 and 1962.

The association established a permanent Past President's Plaque in 1963. The first president, Joe B. Davis, and the immediate past president, A. I. Martin, received this award at the 1963 Convention.

The association established a permanent literary award in 1963 to be known as the TIDWELL LITERARY AWARD in honor of TNA's esteemed member, the late Kalvert K. Tidwell. This award to be given to a TNA member who in the opinion of a committee has made a literary contribution to the TNA News judged to be of highest quality.

Medieval European Coinage Notes

Michael Ross

Medieval European Coinage 500-1500 A.D.

Introduction

My interest in medieval numismatics stems from a reaction against the Mint-State emphasis in the US coin market in the early 1980's. I stumbled across a coin shop in Rome where I acquired a Venetian grosso issued by Pietro Gradenigo. My collecting habits haven't been quite the same since.

Medieval European coinage is a fascinating area of study generally lost somewhere between Ancient and World Coin collecting. In this article, I will try to convey the highlights of the medieval European economy and its manifestation in coined money. Being a brief overview of an extensive and expansive subject, much detail will be omitted and exceptions to every generalization exist.

"Europe", for the sake of this article, is basically limited to England, France, the Low Countries, Italy north of Rome, and western Germany. Spain and southern Italy generally were subject to a different set of influences than those discussed in this article, primarily through trade with Africa and the Mideast. The economic importance of the remaining areas of Germany and eastern Europe lay chiefly in their production of bullion. While these other countries coined money, their role in the general evolution of the money economy was limited. Coined money was also only part of the medieval money supply. At various stages in the period covered, silver bars, commodities, tokens, public debt, and bank deposits & checks each constituted a variable fraction of the money supply.

I have divided the period of interest into five phases, each marking a distinct change in coined money itself or its use. In each phase, I have tried to present the economic and political context of the coinage, along with direct discussion of the coinage itself. A consistent pattern emerges in that there appears to be three basic requirements for the sustained existence of coined money: 1) a strong political system, 2) a sufficiently advanced economy, and 3) continual fresh supplies of bullion.

This article is based on a talk given to the Mid Cities Coin Club on October 6th, 1998.

The Fall of Rome

To understand the evolution of coinage during this period, it is important to understand what it evolved from. The Roman Empire had a long history in which coined money played a prominent role in the economy. By the time of fall of the empire in the 5th century, Roman coinage consisted primarily of the gold solidus, semissis, and tremissis in conjunction with variously denominated low value copper coins. Silver coinage was virtually nonexistent, having been gradually debased to copper in the preceding centuries. A complex evolution of Roman coin weights (primarily the tremissis), medieval weight standards, and the prevailing gold/silver ratios resulted in the familiar pattern of 12:20:1 (e.g. penny, shilling, pound) during the 8th century. This fixed set of ratios was loosely adhered to during the medieval period with Great Britain being the last country to drop it in favor of decimalization in 1970.

As the barbarian tribes gradually chipped away at the Roman Empire, they acquired the capability to issue coined money from the former governments of their lands. In the early 5th century, these coins continued to be struck in the emperor's name. By the 6th century, the barbarian kings began issuing copper coinage (nummi) in their own names and followed up with their own gold issues. Barbarian coinage in gold was seen as an affront to the Romans, for that was considered a privilege of the emperor only. The political and economic climate of the period was not conducive to use of coinage. The quality of the little coin being produced began to decline, and by the 7th century coined money disappeared from circulation.

The early medieval economy tended to send coined money into two places: royal hoards, and eastward to Byzantium and the Mideast. Europe was a net importer of goods, and the balance of payments drained gold away from Europe eastward. Options for debt payment then tended to be limited to labor-rent and payments-in-kind. The lack of circulating coin also prevented tax collection in money form. This jeopardized wage payments to soldiers and was thus politically destabilizing. As an alternative, the crown directly offered the soldiers land in lieu of monetary payment. By the 8th century this evolved into granting of land to vassals with soldiers retained to work the land. Thus the feudal system was established.

Carolingian Europe

Much of Europe began to be consolidated into what became the Holy Roman Empire during the reign of Pepin the Short, and was fully realized during the reign of Charlemagne. For a period during the late 8th and early 9th centuries, a strong, centralized political system was in effect. Society during this time period

was agriculture-based with specific commercial needs. Urbanization would not happen on a large scale for centuries hence. The economy was cyclic with the growing seasons, and fairs became commonplace in market towns to facilitate these periods of heightened economic activity. Charlemagne established mints in these market towns to supply their local economies with coin. Silver mines discovered in Melle and elsewhere provided the raw material for this resurgence in coining. The decentralized, royal minting activity was exercised through the nobility, typically the counts.

Charlemagne's primary contribution in the area of coinage was his introduction of the silver denier. The denier was sized to fit typical transaction needs, and was standardized in size, weight, and metal content. The coins are 1-2 cm in diameter, weigh between 1 and 1.5 grams, and are of high quality silver. Their standardization facilitated long distance trade within the empire. The issues of Charlemagne are scarce, while those of his son Louis the Pious are more common, and those of Charles the Bald more common still, though beginning to decline during his reign. Typical design features include: The slave trade brought some gold into Europe with some very limited coining, but the coinage base was overwhelmingly silver. The decentralized approach to minting required that coining authority be exercised by the crown through the nobility, typically counts. Their participation in the production of coinage would prove significant during the coming centuries as the overall political system weakened.

Although coinage use became widespread, it was at the same time somewhat erratic. Charlemagne's precedent of dividing the empire among all his sons gradually decentralized authority and weakened the resultant monarchies. This removed one of the underpinnings required for established coin use. In addition, Viking raids removed a huge quantity of coin from the European economy. A continuing problem was Europe's imbalance of trade with the east, which moved coinage out of the European economy. Finally, the great silver mines discovered during the 8th century began to play out, thus drastically reducing the ability to replace coinage lost through raids and balance of trade payments. As a result coinage again disappeared in the mid 9th century for approximately 50-100 years.

"Middle" Middle Ages

The dearth of fresh silver supplies ended in the late 10th century with the discovery of large, productive mines, primarily in Goslar. Subsequent trade spread the silver across Europe with local reminting commonplace. Bar silver had been the preferred form of payment for large-scale transactions up to this point, but a gradual preference for coined silver began to take hold.

European monarchies continued to be relatively weak, accompanied by politically strengthened nobility. Whereas Charlemagne exercised his royal minting authority through the counts, by the 10th century many counts were granted minting rights outright and many others usurped the right. In addition, minting rights were occasionally granted to various Church authorities. This resulted in a patchwork of minting authorities which strikes the modern observer as rather peculiar.

Royal coinage was exemplified by the issues of England. England, apart from the other countries, retained strong royal control over the country's coinage. Deniers (pennies) were the overwhelming issue of the period. Feudal coinage was indicative of France and Germany. The issues evolved gradually, initially they tended to be of the same weight and fineness as royal issues, but with no indication on the coin as to the minting authority or geographic location. These issues then transformed into ones in which posthumous kings' names were employed, followed by issues displaying names of both king and count. Ultimately, the counts issued coinage in their name only. The dissolution of a central political authority in Italy also resulted in regional coinages which were issued by the towns rather than the local nobility. Ecclesiastical coinages were issued through archbishops, bishops, abbots, and (rarely) abbesses, typically through the granting of the right by the king. A typical issue displays a facing figure of the bishop along with the diocese, or bishopric, name. Ecclesiastical coinage was common in France and Germany, and on a more limited basis in England. An interesting feature of all three coinages again to the modern eye is their common use of religious symbols and legends, typically on the coins' reverse.

One numismatic effect of political fragmentation and weakened royal control over coinage was the loss of its uniform nature. As issues became localized in nature, standards of weight, fineness and module began to diverge, thus making regional or international trade more difficult as a practical matter. Coin often had to be weighed at market, or as in Venice, merchants were required to have their local coins reminted before commencing trade.

The issues that caused cessation of coinage use in the mid-9th century surfaced again in this period. The general balance of trade payments was to the east and to England, gradually removing the existing coins.

from the continent. In the late 11th century a new economic wrinkle was the cost of Crusades and maintenance of the subsequent Christian states. This merely exacerbated the flow of payments away from Europe. Mining activity replenished the constantly disappearing supply of coin temporarily, but significant mines were eventually exhausted before new ones were discovered. Coinage again disappeared until the mid-12th century.

13th C. Commercial Revolution

The period from approximately 1160 – 1330 is sometimes referred to as the “long 13th century”. Commercial activity exploded across Europe commensurate with the discovery of new mines and generally stronger, centralized political systems. The balance of trade continued to move coin to England and the east by way of Italy. Additional Crusades and continued maintenance of Christian states in the Levant moved coin farther eastward. Papal taxation also had a small effect on the movement of coin southward. A relatively new phenomenon began to alter the flow of coin within Europe however. Relatively large-scale warfare significantly impacted the flow of coin primarily to pay ransoms, standing armies, and political payments to induce or prevent other countries’ involvement in particular conflicts.

New specie was introduced into the European economy through the movement of gold northward out of Africa and the discovery of major silver mines in Kutna Hora, Freiburg, Sardinia, and Tuscany. Localized quantities of precious metals caused large swings in the gold/silver ratio, reaching 16:1 and 8:1 at the extremes. This volatility made it profitable to transport coin of the lesser-value specie over significant differences, trade it for coin of the higher-valued specie, then return to the original locale and trade again. Thus, fluctuating gold/silver ratios were also responsible for some movement of coin. The number of minting facilities began to increase in response to economic conditions. Initially, these mints were of the small decentralized nature established as far back as Charlemagne. They were gradually consolidated into fewer, larger facilities as time went on. The quantity of circulating coin began to increase as a result in the 1170’s timeframe, accompanied by increased inflation. A profound change in the use of coin occurred in conjunction with its increased supply. The common man had, for centuries, relied on two forms of paying his debts: labor rent and payment-in-kind. The ability to use coined money as a means of paying debt freed him to apply his most valuable asset – his labor – toward his own betterment, rather than to a lienholder. At the other end of the social spectrum, coined money became a means for kings to pay their debts in a form other than land. This seemingly simple fact allowed countries to move beyond feudalism; lands could be retained as royal domains, thus strengthening the role of the monarchy and centralizing political power. Another fundamental change in thought corresponding to the common existence of coined money was in thinking of natural resources as a cash crop. A forest was no longer a source of fuel and food, but rather was worth a certain number of pounds per year. The increased use of money and rise of interstate commerce also gave rise to elements of the modern banking system: bills of exchange, checks, interest on deposits, international banking, etc. Coined money, though a convenient method of exchange, was not so convenient on an international scale. The practicality of transporting tons of coined money on poor, unsafe roads over great distances was rather limited.

The increased silver supply initially resulted in merely more of the same type coins – lightweight, low quality deniers. The 4th Crusade however, provided the needed impetus for a coinage change. The city of Venice was responsible for outfitting the members of this endeavor. This entailed provisioning and shipbuilding on a large scale among other things. The unusual aspect of the situation was the need to pay an aggregate large sum of money to a large number of recipients, thus requiring relatively low denomination coins. Most large payments up to this point could be made in high denomination gold. Venice was faced with the prospect of minting approximately 230 million deniers to satisfy this need. Incredibly, in a time of hand-striking each individual coin, it may have been possible to achieve for this mint. Instead, a new coin was created to satisfy the current demand. The new coin was called a *grosso* (Latin for “great”) and was initially struck of fine silver at a ratio of 1 *grosso* to 24 *denari*. The debasement of the *denier* and use of fine silver for the *grosso* resulted in a coin only weighing approximately 2.18 grams – the largest silver coin in Europe at the time. The new coin quickly gained in popularity outside Venice and other political entities in northern Italy began to strike *grossi* of similar weight and fineness. Rome struck a *grosso* starting in 1253 based on a 4 gram standard. This standard was adopted north of the Alps in the middle part of the 13th century, introduced by (Saint) Louis IX of France after 1266 as the *gros tournois*. The name comes from the stylized depiction of the cathedral at Tours on the obverse of the coin. Twelve fleur-de-lis grace the

perimeter of the coin, implying its initial valuation of 12 *deniers tournois*. Great coins began to be issued across France, both by royal and feudal sources, the Low Countries, England, and eventually western Germany. Only England was able to maintain a consistent valuation on the coin type, debasement continued to plague the denier issues of all other countries while the standards of the "great" coins held at least temporarily. The denier, though debased, was still a convenient urban coin. The typical city dweller bought his meat by the pound and his bread by the loaf, purchases compatible with the value of these small coins. Great coins were suitable for wages or rural transactions – purchases of whole animals or bushel quantities.

Late Middle Ages

The first half of the 14th century marked a gradual increase in the prevalence of coined gold in the overall medieval economy. Gold had been used on a regular basis since the 13th century in Mediterranean lands, but the general balance of trade confined the metal to this area. Discovery of gold mines in Hungary gave impetus to gold's common usage north of the Alps. Minting of gold coins began in Bohemia as well as Hungary, with England and France following suit in the 1340's. Peripheral European countries lagged in the implementation of gold coinage well into the 15th and 16th centuries. In conjunction with the increased gold supply came a drop in the supply of silver, thus reducing the value of gold in terms of silver. Gold's prevalence was not indicative of its use by the common man, commercial and political payments were the common usage. For example, France underwent an incredible effort to mint ecus to pay for the ransom of John II.

Silver, though in declining supply, still remained an integral component of the coined money supply. Whereas gold provided the means for large international payments, silver coinage supplied needs on a local level. This local nature had the unfortunate effect of reduced commonality of coin standards across Europe. The most devastating impact to (silver) coinage of this period was from debasement. With the exception of England, a taxation infrastructure was not in place in Europe. Rather, debasement was used in lieu of taxation to raise funds for the crown. Coinages were recalled and reminted to a lower standard, the mint, and therefore the crown, pocketed the difference. The reduction in silver could be dramatic – Charles VI of France reduced the silver content from 92% down to 12%. Debasement was a desperate, though common, method for paying for medieval royalty's primary preoccupation – warfare. The net effect was inflationary and chiefly affected those on fixed incomes, for example landlords. The return to "sound money" was a hotly debated political issue during this time period. England stands in stark contrast to the above scenario, its ability to tax allowed the national coinage standards to remain virtually unchanged. The diminution of the silver supply reached a critical state around the year 1440. In the worst shortage since the 7th century, new supplies of silver ceased. The mints' ability to coin the dwindling supply of bullion was far outstripped by the immediate economic demand for the coinage, and finally the mints ceased production. The natural balance of trade continued as it had for the hundreds of years previous to send silver out of continental Europe and into England and Asia. The gold supply then began following the same pattern as the silver. As a result, coinage production across northwestern Europe virtually stopped during the period 1440-1465, only London remained active. Many mints shut down during these middle decades of the century. By the mid-15th century essentially no coins existed and the European economy ground to a halt. Silver mine discoveries in the 1460's gradually relieved the strain. The 15th century closed with a legacy of coinage not substantially different from that found in the United States at the close of the 19th century. Three basic coinages existed: gold and silver continued in their traditional roles, and "black money" became a staple of the economy. Gold continued to fulfill its role as a means of facilitating large-scale payments. Government officials, noblemen, and large-scale merchants were the typical users of this coinage. Countries often issued coins intended for national use or international use, with no simple, even relationship between the two. Witness our own country's silver dollar and trade dollar as a modern example, though of a different metal. Silver coinage continued to be more important to the average man than gold. Silver was useful for payment of wages, rents, and taxes. The blanc became the standard coin in France, Germany, Italy, and the Low Countries, weighing in at about three grams and being about 50% silver. To put this coin in context, a "typical" laborer earned approximately three blancs per day in wages and a single session with a prostitute cost one blanc. Fractions of the blanc were also issued, typically demi-blancs (1/2) or the tierce (1/3). England alone continued to mint silver to a high standard. Not surprisingly, due to the relatively high silver content in the English coins, the half-groat became the common standard coin, being roughly equivalent to the blanc.

Although the silver coinage readily met the large-scale needs of the common man, conveniently sized coinage was still needed to make small, typically urban, purchases "Black money" filled this need and was generally unavailable outside of urban areas. Black money was very low grade silver on the order of 5% alloyed with copper or some other metal which gave it its name. Surprisingly, despite the demand for this coinage, evidence suggests that it was typically in short supply.

The 15th century brings us to the close of the Middle Ages in many respects. From a coinage standpoint, the stage is set for what has become familiar to us in the way of coined money. The 1460's provided a turning point in the European economy. Increased silver supplies and greater economic needs spawned ever larger silver coins such as testoons and reals, and ultimately thalers and dollars. Gold exportation from Europe began to decrease, thus increasing the supply within Europe. Finally, Venice and Naples began to issue coins of pure copper in the early 1470's which would replace the use of black money. Coinage from this point forward became a necessary and integral part of the economy and would remain so until the 20th century.

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David "Davy" Crockett Medal
by Frank Galindo

P & L Year-to-Date Comparison
March 1998 through February 1999
Joe Olson - Treasurer

Mar 98-Feb 99

INCOME:

1998 TNA Show	
Book Auction	331 50
Raffle	254 00
Net Proceeds from Show	4,929 63
Total 1998 TNA Show	5,515.13

Contributions Income

Contributions-Coins for A's	900 00
Contributions-General	99 00
Contributions-Library Fund	20 00
Contributions-Newsletter	20 00
Contributions-Youth Fund	30 00
Contributions-Lyman Bartee Memo	25 00
Total Contributions Income	1,094.00

Interest Income	1,146 39
Membership Dues	8,323 00
News Letter Advertising	1,910 00
Sale of Medals	4,422 50
Sale of Showcases	<u>270.00</u>
Total Income	22,681.02

EXPENSES:

Bank Service Charges	3 00
Clements Youth Activities	500 00
Coins for "A"s-Coin expenses	312 90
Coins for "A"s non Coin expense	144 24
General	
ANA Dues	66 00
Awards	552 45
Elongated Cents	103 00
Insurance	1,080 00
Office Supplies	<u>32.00</u>
Total General	1,833 45

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Medal Officer-Other	<u>370 26</u>
Total Medal Officer	3,465 78
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Office of the Editor-Other	931 55
Office of the Editor-Stipend	1,050 00
Printing and Reproduction	<u>5,099 63</u>
Total Office of the Editor	7,151 18
Office of the President	174 93
Office of the Secretary	
Office of the Secretary-Postage	594 28
Office of the Secretary-Other	1,124 20
Office of the Secretary-Stipend	<u>2,800 00</u>
Total Office of the Secretary	4,518 48
Total Expense	<u>18,103.96</u>
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>4,577.06</u>

Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 1999

CURRENT ASSETS:

Checking/Savings

Clear Lake Nat'l Bank	19,454 71
Hill Country Bank Austin	
Coins for A's-CLNB	361 89
ANA Jr Seminar Fund	768 25
Hill Country Bank Austin	162 94
Memorial Library Fund-CLNB	707 58
Hill Country Bank-Austin-Other	<u>104 13</u>
Total Hill Country Bank	<u>2,104.79</u>
Total Checking/ Savings	<u>21,559.50</u>

Other Current Assets

CD-Clear Lake National Bank	10,775 75
CD-Life Membership-CLNB	11,218 33
Total Other Current Assets	<u>21,994.08</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>43,553.58</u>

Liabilities & Equity

Equity	
Fund Balance	44,439.34
Net Income	-885.76
Total Equity	<u>43,553.58</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>43,553.58</u>

Other Current Assets

CD-Clear Lake National Bank	10,775.75
CD-Life Membership-CLNB	11,218.33
Total Other Current Assets	<u>21,994.08</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>43,732.11</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>43,732.11</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY:

Unrestricted Fund Balance	43,732.11
Total Equity	<u>43,732.11</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>43,732.11</u>

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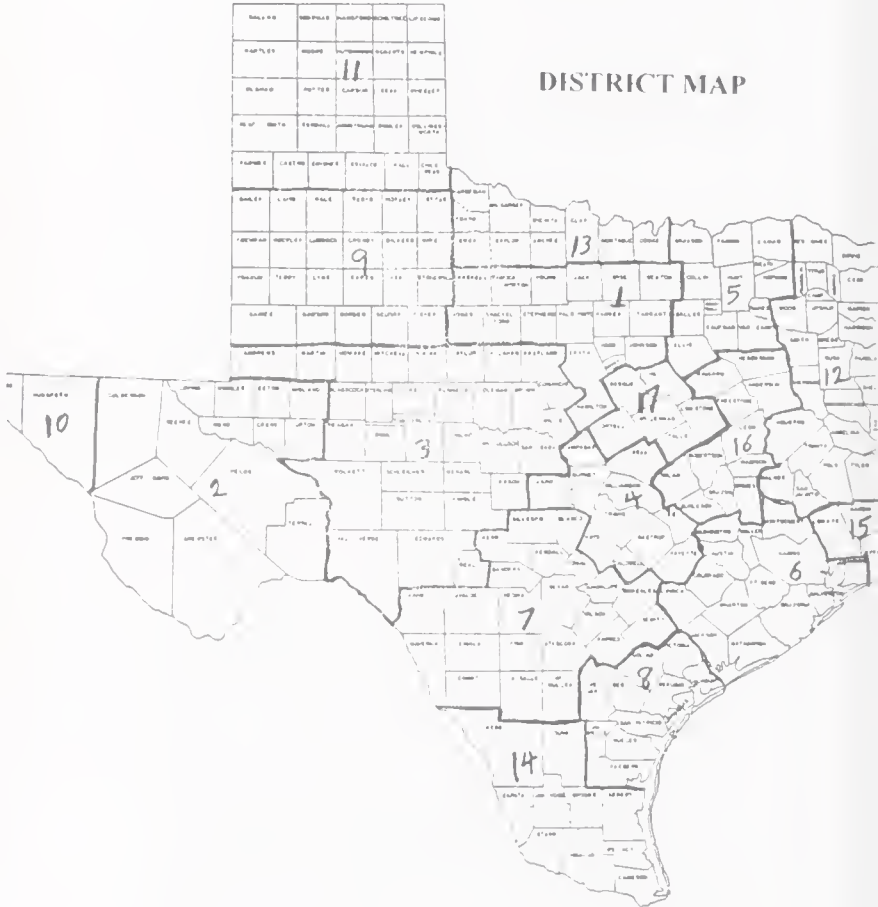
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Contact Francis Smith, PO Box 1182, Austin, TX 78767-1182

July 23 - 24 **Richardson, TX** **60 Tables**
Coin Show, Richardson Community Center 411 West Arapaho,
Richardson, TX (2 blocks West of 75/Central Expwy)
Contact Paul Garner, Box 154906, Waco, TX 76715-4906
Ph (254) 799-4344 evenings 6pm-9pm please

July 31 - Aug. 1 **Houston, TX** **42 Tables**
The Bellaire Coin Show, Sponsored by the Bellaire Coin Club
Bellaire Civic Center 7000 S. Rice, Bellaire, TX
Contact Louis Whitaker, PO Box 303, Bellaire, TX 77401
Ph (713) 622-8331 E-mail riverholl@pdq.net

Aug. 7 - 8 **Amarillo, TX** **109 Tables**
Annual Coin & Collectors Show, Sponsored by the Golden Spread
Coin Club Amarillo Civic Center, North meeting room
Contact Kenneth Horn, PO Box 31051, Amarillo, TX 79120,
Ph (806) 358-4523

Aug. 14 - 15 **Fort Worth, TX** **65 Tables**
28th Annual Summer Coin & Stamp Show
Green Oaks Inn - 6901 West Freeway
Contact Joe & Linda Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Fort Worth, TX
76180 Ph (817) 485-1777

Aug. 19 - 22 **Dallas, TX** **50 Tables**
3rd Annual National Paper Money & Historical Artifacts Show
Renaissance Dallas North Hotel, 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, TX
Lynn Knight Currency Auctions, Ph (913) 338-3779, PO Box 7364
Overland Park, KS 66207-0364

Aug. 21 **San Antonio, TX** **55 Tables**
Alamo Coin Show, Sponsored by the Alamo Coin Club
Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd., at Loop 1904 NE
Contact Harold Eiserloh, PO Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201-
8714 Ph (210) 341-6587

Aug. 27 - 29

Richardson, TX 60 Tables

12th Annual Plano Com Show

Richardson Civic Center Arapaho Rd. Richardson, TX

Contact: Mark Schroeder or Mike Whitworth 805 E. 15th St. Plano, TX 75074 Ph (972) 424-1405 Fax (972) 423-4197

Sept. 10 - 11

Waco, TX

DFW Metro Waco Fall Show Waco Convention Center, 100

Washington Street, Waco, TX Contact: Paul Garner PO Box

154906 Waco, TX 76715-4906 Ph (254) 799-4344 evenings 6-9pm please pegarner@rocketmail.com

Sept. 18 - 19

Beaumont, TX

Southeast Com & Collectibles Show Sponsored by the Beaumont

Orange, Port Arthur & Silsbee Com Clubs Holiday Inn Beaumont

Plaza 3950 I-10 South, Beaumont, TX Contact: Jack Provost PO Box 1676 Silsbee, TX 77656 Ph (409) 385-9272

Oct. 2

McKinney, TX 38 Tables

Semi-Annual Com Show, Sponsored by the Collin County Com Club

Holiday Inn 1300 N. Central Expy. (Hwy. 75 North Exit 40B) A free tables @ \$50-60 Contact: Gary Rollins PO Box 744 McKinney, TX 75070-0744 Ph (972) 727-1566

Oct. 8 - 9

Richardson, TX

DFW Metro Richardson, Richardson Civic Center 411 West Arapaho,

Richardson Contact: Paul Garner, PO Box 154906, Waco, TX

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Oct. 9 - 10

Corpus Christi, TX

Corpus Christi Com Show, Sponsored by the Corpus Christi Com

Club, Contact: David Burke PO Box 10053 Corpus Christi, TX 78460

email: dburke@ccatech.com, Ph (512) 241-0348 or (512) 779-0500

Oct. 16

Austin, TX 35 Tables

Comex Com, Stamp & Sport Card Show

Clanton Inn, 2200 South IH 35 at Olton

Contact: Francis Smith, PO Box 1182 Austin, TX 78767-1182

Nov. 13

San Antonio, TX 30 Tables

Alamo Com Show Sponsored by the Alamo Com Club

Live Oak Civic Center 8101 Pat Booker Rd. at Loop 1604 NE

Contact: Harold Eiserloh PO Box 100714 San Antonio, TX 78201-8714 Ph (210) 341-6587

Nov. 26, 27, 28

Houston, TX

Coin Show Sponsored by the Pasadena Coin Club

Radisson Hotel, 9100 Gulf Freeway Houston TX

Contact Pasadena Coin Club PO Box 58155 Houston TX 77258

Calendar of Events

2000

Jan. 21, 22, 23

Houston, TX

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The Money Show 2000, Sponsored by the Greater Houston Coin Club
Astrohall, Loop 610 - Kirby exit Houston, TX

Contact Jerry Clemons, PO Box 2963, Houston, TX 77252 Ph (713) 466-0206

April 21 - 22

Arlington, TX

70 Tables

Dallas Mid-Cities Coin Show Sponsored by the Dallas & Mid-Cities
Coin Clubs La Quinta Inn - South West corner of I-30 & 360

Arlington TX Contact Mike Grant PO Box 171719, Arlington, TX
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May 12 - 14

Houston, TX

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Calendar of Events

2001

Aug. 17 - 18

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TEXAS

District Meetings



DISTRICT I

Mid-Cities Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The April meeting was held on March 30 because of the upcoming show. Show Chairman Mike Grant reported all tables sold and a waiting list. The club still needs volunteers for the show. Merle Owens reported that there were 250 unsold tickets to be sold at the door. Mike Grant discussed National Coin Week, April 18 to 24. The Fort Worth Coin club is distributing 1943 steel pennies around the area. Mike suggested that members put some interesting coins into circulation. Jim and Barbara Medford resigned as secretaries to the club. They are moving south of Austin. The club is issuing membership numbers to all members and a drawing will be held to determine the first numbers to be given out to those members still with the club from the first meeting in Feb. 1995. Ray Steffler will give the May educational program on silver trends.

Gary Hill called the May 4th meeting to order. Mike Grant reported that the D/MC Coin Show was very successful and everyone had a great time. The Dallas Coin Club agreed to pay for the insurance for the show. The coin show committee will discuss the possibility of giving MCCC members front row tables at the show. The show is already 75% sold out for next year. Rudy Steffler gave the program on silver prices. Jim Fitzgerald asked for opinions for the annual picnic date.

The Mid-Cities Coin Club meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, at the California Lane Church of Christ in Arlington, at 6:30pm.

--Mike Grant, Corresponding Secretary

Fort Worth Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The April newsletter starts out with a message from the President - Lance Ward. "Education and youth are two of our main objectives." He is planning a quarterly newsletter for the youth. There are several good articles by Lance on "1943 Copper Mistake", "Birth of the US Mint", and "Little Known Early Mint Facts". All in all it makes for very good reading.

The Fort Worth Coin Club meets the 1st Thursday of each month at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens, at 7:00pm.

--Lance Ward, Club President

DISTRICT IV

Williamson County Coin Club, (Club Minutes)

The April meeting was called to order with 12 members and guests present. President Kamer gave a short program on the "New Quarters". Jeffrey Meyer provided the short-snorter. There was a report on the upcoming shows.

At the May meeting Don Shelby talked about two articles from Coin World on the 1999 Susan B. Anthony dollars, and the possibility of extending the quarter program to include D.C., Guam, P. R., and Virgin Islands. One of the members weighed the new quarters and concluded the weight was the same as the old ones.



DISTRICT V

Dallas Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

President Hal Cherry called the March meeting to order on a dark and stormy night. Mike Grant reported on the final preparations for the D/MC Show. The club voted to donate \$100 to the Coins for A's program. A short discussion was held on the new state quarters and the holders available for these. Gary and Cindy Hill are taking over the Coins for A's program. Hal Cherry presented the program on "Former Club Member - B. Max Mehl".

The cold heart of the IRS sent a chill through the evening air as Hal Cherry called the meeting to order on April 15th. Mike Grant reported that the show was a huge success. As National Coin Week was approaching, a motion was passed to purchase and distribute 300 steel cents. These were given to the members to distribute around the area. A discussion was held on the longevity of the meetings and it was decided to start at 7:00pm and payments on items bought during the auction may be made to Hal Cherry during the auction so those persons may leave. Ron Blaha presented a program on "Hobby Connection or Crossover Hobbies".

The Dallas Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Dallas International Center (Preston Center) in Dallas, at 7:30pm.

--Lawrence Herrera, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

At the March 15th meeting there were 31 people. Jim Bevil stated the new Delaware quarters were in circulation in the Houston area. Stan Garezynski was in the March 1999 issue of the Numismatist. His article was on "Gold Donatives of Gdansk". There is an area plant show called the Lone Star Violet Round-Up National Plant Show at the Adam's Mark. Club elections are April 5th. Gary Austin gave the program on "Token Collecting".

Thirty-three members attended the April 5th meeting. The "Bayou City Coin Show" was listed in the Numismatist. Bill Hooven confirmed that the show will have scout programs. Jerry Clemons and Tim Conway will assist the scout programs. Brian Holland was mediator for the club election. The

new officers for next year are Jim Bevill - President Bill Hooven - Vice President Jim Klodosky - Treasurer and Ed Stephens - Secretary The installation dinner will be May 17th at Frankie Mandola's Steak and Burgers. The ANA Summer Conference will be July 10-16 in Colorado Springs, Colorado Tom Lueker gave the program on "United States Error Coins"

The Bellaire Coin Club meets the first and third Mondays of each month at the Bellaire Public Library, at 7:00pm

--Michael Walford, Club Editor

Greater Houston Coin Club, (Double Shift)

Twenty-nine members and guests attended the March 18th meeting. New members were introduced. Bernard Loebe passed out business cards as ANA Regional Director for Region 9. The club voted to enter nominations for various ANA positions that ANA board members requested. The officers elections are as follows: Ralph Ross - President Wolf Beidenteld - Vice President, Chris Johns - Secretary Eric Morrow - Treasurer. Board members are Bernard Loebe Karen Paris, and Bill Johns. The installment banquet will be on March 27th. The GHCC Money Show will be held on January 21-23, 2000. Bill and Chris Johns will serve as General Chairmen of the Show and Jerry Clemons will be Bourse Chairman. Jerry Clemons gave the program on "The Illinois Centennial Commemorative". The Installation Banquet had 31 members and visitors attend. Awards were given out to members that gave programs and volunteers. The officers were installed to their positions for the upcoming year.

The May 20th meeting was called to order with 30 members and guests present. The report of the Money Show 2000 was given. Byron Paris thanked club members for their help with the TNA show. Greetings were received from the Hawaii Coin Club. The president displayed the award the GHCC received from the TNA for Outstanding Chapter Publication. Shalm Shah was named TNA's Outstanding Young Numismatist. There is a very good article on "Aluminum - Its Use as a Comage Metal" by Sebastian Fromhold.

The Greater Houston Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at Saint Paul Presbyterian Church at 7:30pm.

--Chris Johns, Secretary

Pasadena Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The January 11th meeting started with the Nominating committee selection. The committee will present the slate of officers the first meeting in Feb. The officers election will be the first meeting in March. The installation of Officers Banquet will be the first meeting in April. Billy Montgomery and Ginger Bing were Coms for A's recipients. Ed Stephens gave a presentation on "Counterfeits".

At the Jan. 25th meeting the club announced that dues were payable now. Bill Chase gave an account of the Greater Houston Com Show. He also said he will give the program the first meeting in Feb. There were 32 members at this meeting.

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of candidates for the election of officers at the Feb. 8th meeting. Ed Stephens - President, Bill Chase - Vice President, Bob Bing - Treasurer, Annette Bing - Secretary. Bill Chase gave the program on "Early American Coinage and Paper Money". The Bayou City Com Show is April 17 & 18, sponsored by PCC, Bellaire & GHCC.

The Feb. 22 meeting had 43 members and guests present. The election of officers is March 8th at the Golden Corral.

At the March 22 meeting V.W. Steed proposed a new amendment to the PCC Bylaws regarding life membership to officers of the club, in addition to the President. Mr. Ripley suggested new copies of the Bylaws be distributed to the coin club. The Installation of Officers Banquet is April 12th. There were 43 members and guest present.

The May 10 meeting started with President Ed Stephens forming a committee to develop a children's program for the November show. A committee will be formed to work on a flag for the Pasadena CC. Michael Doyle gave a presentation on "Buy the Book Before the Com".

Flyers were made available at the May 24th meeting. These were flyers for the Bellaire Com Show on July 31 and Aug. 1st. The vote on the amendment to the PCC Bylaws passed.

The Pasadena Coin Club meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the Golden Corral Restaurant at 7:00pm in Pasadena.

--Annette Bing, Club Secretary

Clements Coin Club, (The C-Cubed)

The March issue has a message from the President Shahn Shah about National Com Week and the ANA Summer Conference. The editor and several of the students attended an educational program on coins at the First Colony Library. The program was directed to young students that may someday be members of the Clements Coin Club. The Bayou City Com Show will host a Merit Badge workshop on April 17-18 at Astrohall for all students that are in Boy Scouts. Former CCC members started a new coin club at Texas A&M called the Aggie Coin Club. The CCC will have a visit from the Mayor of Sngar Land and the Superintendent of the Clements Library for National Com Week.

The April issue has a reminder that Spring Elections are coming upon May 20th. The CCC party will be a Cr. Cr.'s Pizza on the last day of school.

The May issue has pictures of the students that attended the Florida United Numismatists Show. There is a list of the people and clubs that donated to the CCC to make the trip possible. The club recognized 103 members for their hard work and voluntary support for the club. The members that won awards at the TNA show are 1st Place - Howie Rodgers, 2nd Place - JC Fang.

--Chesca Alquiros, Editor

DISTRICT VII

Alamo Coin Club, (Alamo Coin Clips)

Twenty-nine people attended the March 11th meeting. David reported that a 15 passenger van rental is \$200 for a round trip to Houston to attend the TNA show. Richard reported the confusion on the 1943 copper cent and the 1943 steel cent. Lone Star Coins & Collectibles received 3,500 calls on this. The members voted down a motion to change a \$1 at the August show. The members voted to give out vouchers for \$1 to the public to use with the purchase of items from dealers at the show.

The March 25th meeting had 23 members and visitors in attendance. A number of the members discussed attending the Wooden Nickel Museum. The van trip to Houston for the TNA is still being discussed. For the August show 38 tables have been sold, the show will be at the Live Oak Civic Center. David has agreed to be the Children's Auction Chairman.

The attendance for the April 8th meeting was 19. Long time member Kate Cooke passed away. Several members added donations for the Children's Auction. Ancient and Medieval Coin Copies are being sold openly at several shops in a Turkey bazaar according to an article in the Numismatics International monthly publication.

Twenty-nine members and guests attended the April 22nd meeting. Among the members attending were May and Ray Whyborn from Seymour and Jim Ehrhardt from Arizona, he donated a large amount of coins and currency to the Children's Auction.

The Alamo Coin Club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at the Maverick Cafe at 7:00pm in San Antonio.

Harold Eisertloh, Club Editor

Gateway Coin Club, (The Gatepost)

The March 4th meeting opened with 29 members and visitors present. Lucky Don Hunter won the attendance prize. There were five raffle winners. Samuel Shrim and Fred Perz made donations to the club. Bob Rogers gave the program on "New Mexico Gambling Establishments".

There were 22 members and visitors at the March 18th meeting. The members voted to endorse Tom Hallenbeck as ANA Governor. Marianne Hunter gave the program on "The Lady on the Dollar - Teresa de Francisci".

The April 1st auction night opened with 26 members and visitors present.

Twenty-two members attended the April 15th meeting. Don Bailey gave the program on "Some Tokens from the New Deal". Frank and Carla Galindo attended the St. Philip of Jesus School to present awards to the 8th grade students who participated in "The St. Elguis Numismatists Project". The project required that students write a two part essay. The first part was a brief

biography of St. Elguis, Patron Saint of Numismatists. The second part required an essay on any numismatic subject chosen by the student. Ernestina Enriquez won first place, Jennifer Garcia won second place, and Christopher Reyes won 3rd place.

The Gateway Com Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at Denny's Restaurant at 7:00pm in San Antonio.

--Frank Galindo, Club President

DISTRICT IX

South Plains Coin Club, (Coin Club News)



Twenty-eight members met on April 5th. Top 10pm attended the meeting after an extended absence. The TNA show will be in Houston May 8 - 10. Sharron Rice read letters from the dealers that attended the last show. One dealer mentioned raising the table fees and furnishing uniformed guards. She mentioned the table sales for the year 2000. Weldon Fannon gave the program on "Odd denomination coins - Half cents, two, and three cent pieces and half dimes."

The South Plains Coin Club meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm in Lubbock.

--James Golden, Secretary; Lamonte Pitzer, District IX Governor

DISTRICT XI

Golden Spread Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)



The April newsletter starts with the program, the video "Detecting Counterfeits". During National Coin week the club dispursed Delaware and Pennsylvania quarters in circulation. Nela Runkle will turn over the secretary position at the next meeting. The club show will be Aug. 7 & 8.

The Golden Spread Coin Club meets the first Monday of each month, in the Westhill Bible Church at 7:00pm.

--Nela Runkle, Editor

DISTRICT XV

Beaumont Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

At the March meeting there were 11 members present. Judy reported on the Fall Show. Jerry reported on the Orange Club show. The turn out was good, even with the interstate being closed most of Saturday. Ed reported that the Boy Scout Exposition had a good showing. Jerry informed the club that the current location of the meeting will not be available after May and the club needs to find a new meeting location. Jerry Williams gave the program on "Three Mystery Coins - 1804 Dollar, 1913 V-Nickel, and the 1894S Barber Dime."

Fifteen members attended the April meeting. The show committee reported that 11 tables are sold for the next show. The public relations

committee was reminded to discuss the welcoming of the TNA officials at the Fall Show. The committee to locate a new meeting place for the club reported on two places that might work. The decision will be finalized by the May meeting. Emery Ledoux gave the program on the "Carson City Mint and the Laverne Redfield Home".

The Beaumont Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Lower Neches Valley Authority Admin. Building, at 7:00pm in Beaumont.
Kay White, Secretary

Greater Port Arthur Coin Club, (Dollars and Cents)

Eight members attended the April meeting. Barbara Edwards gave the program on "Susan B. Anthony". The members discussed plans for National Coin Week. Ricky Lanclos reported on his trip to Alaska. Bill Stein arranged a meeting of the show committee for May 1st.

There were 13 members attending the May meeting. The doorprize winners are Nick Adams, Jerry Williams, Barbara Edwards. The program was given by Jim Eldridge on the trip he and his son took to the Holy Land. Nick Adams will give the June program.

The Greater Port Arthur Coin Club meets on the 1st Thurs. of each month at the County Centre in Port Arthur, at 7:00pm.
--Ray Gannaway, Club Secretary

DISTRICT XVII

Waco Coin Club, (Wacomews)

Thirty-five members and guests were present at the March meeting. The club has sold 60 of the 70 tables available at the show. Paul Garner made flyers for the show and donated the cost of printing the flyers. The club spent \$1,800 on advertising for the show. Mr. and Mrs. Larson reported on a collecting program at Trinity Lutheran School. The club is looking for a new Governor of TNA for this area. The club decided to sell display cases for \$30.

There were 35 members present at the April meeting. A motion was made to have the cash pot drawing at the end of the meeting following the auction, the motion passed. Paul Garner stated that he did not vote in the March meeting because he and Jerry feel that the vote should have been done during the regular meeting section. A new vote will be performed. The show report stated that attendance was down but volunteers were up. A motion was made to reimburse Cindy for the Newsletters and postage. The club offered display cases to members for \$30. The motion was made to keep 2 cases for the show if members needed the cases, motion passed. Joe Olson stated that the constitution became invalid when the club incorporated. J.P. gave a report on a program presented at an elementary school class. Paul Garner donated the Numismatic Oct. 1947 book to the club.

At the May meeting there were 30 members and guests present. Gerry Kamer reported on the dinner from the show. The final vote to move the cash pot to the end of the meeting will be by the end of the month. Gerry Kamer is running for TNA Treasurer. Paul Garner won best of show at the TNA. Gerry Kamer informed members that the Williamson County Coin Club would like members of the Waco club to attend their meeting. Alan Hall inquired about members involvement with a display at Waco Hall on Sept. 16th -17th. A motion was made to pay one year membership to the TNA and ANA. motion passed.

The Waco Coin Club meets at the Democratic Party Center, at 7:30pm the 2nd Thursday of each month.

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